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Colleges Adopting Book by Dr. High

Observations in several Santa Barbara area schools and consultation with numerous local teachers have provided the groundwork for a new teaching textbook which has already been adopted in seven colleges.

The book is "Teaching Secondary School Social Studies," by Dr. James High of the department of history at the University of California at Santa Barbara.

The book's dust jacket displays a picture of Joseph D. Blake's social studies class at La Colina Junior High School, which Dr. High observed several times during the time the book was in preparation.

STAFF HELPFUL

Dr. High said the entire staff of the city schools had been helpful to him in writing the book. He singled out for special mention, Dr. Norman Scharer, superintendent of city schools; Dr. Thelma J. Damgaard, director of elementary curriculum; and members of the staff at Santa Barbara High School, including Claud Hardesty, principal; Howard C. Walters, chairman of the social studies department; and social studies teachers Helen F. Thomson, Thomas V. Martin, Wales R. Holbrook, Everett B. Crist and Paul W. Davidson. At San Marcos High School, Dr. High said, he had received special assistance from William E. McLaughlin, chairman of the social studies de-

partment and George E. Frakes, and Leonard Rogers, teachers at the school.

The book is an outgrowth of 20 years of teaching experience in which Dr. High taught at all levels from the seventh grade through graduate seminars in American history.

Dr. High has been assistant professor of history at UCSB since 1947. Previous to this, he taught history at the University of Washington and at Western Washington College of Education.

During the war, as a Marine, he was a Japanese interpreter and the author of a Japanese - English dictionary used by the military. He also worked for the Central Intelligence Agency in Washington, D. C. from 1952 to 1954.

POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY

Dr. High has just signed a contract for a political geography of the world which he will write in collaboration with Dr. Robert Johnson of UCSB. The book, to be published by Macmillan, is to be issued in 1964.

During the past year, he completed two scholarly books in the field of history. One is a biography of Governor Horatio Sharpe of Maryland, in the 18th century; and the other is an 18th century manual for the conduct of the slave trade which he edited and for which he wrote an introduction.

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